

Advancing Scholarly Communication in Medical Science

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Since the publication of its first issue in 1956, *Acta Medica Iranica* (AMI) has maintained a continuous presence in the medical literature and has made significant contributions to the dissemination of biomedical and clinical research. Over nearly seven decades, the journal has supported medical education, clinical practice, and research development by providing a forum for the communication of scientifically rigorous and ethically conducted studies. Through sustained publication in the English language, AMI has progressively broadened its engagement with the international medical community while remaining firmly anchored in its academic mission. In recent years, the journal has experienced a consistent increase in manuscript submissions across a broad spectrum of medical and biomedical disciplines. This trend reflects both the expansion of research activity within the medical sciences and continued confidence in *Acta Medica Iranica* as a credible venue for scholarly communication. At the same time, increased submission volume has placed greater demands on peer-review capacity, editorial oversight, and publication workflows, underscoring the importance of strategic editorial planning to preserve quality while improving efficiency.

In response, *Acta Medica Iranica* has undertaken a series of governance and operational developments aimed at strengthening its editorial infrastructure. The editorial board has been renewed and expanded to enhance disciplinary coverage and subject-matter expertise, thereby supporting robust and balanced editorial decision-making. Editorial and peer-review policies have been refined to align with internationally recognized best practices in scientific reporting, research integrity, and ethical oversight, with an emphasis on transparency,

consistency, and accountability throughout the manuscript lifecycle.

As part of this structured evolution, and in recognition of the sustained growth in submissions, *Acta Medica Iranica* will transition from a bimonthly to a monthly publication schedule beginning in 2026. This decision reflects a deliberate assessment of editorial capacity and publication sustainability. The move to monthly publication is intended to improve editorial throughput, reduce time from submission to publication, and facilitate the timely dissemination of scientific findings. Importantly, this increase in publication frequency will be implemented without compromising to editorial selectivity, peer-review rigor, or ethical standards, which will remain central to the journal's decision-making processes.

The transition to monthly publication represents a significant milestone in the journal's ongoing development. It reflects *Acta Medica Iranica*'s commitment to adapting its editorial model in response to the evolving needs of authors, reviewers, and readers, while preserving the principles of scientific rigor and editorial independence that have defined the journal since its inception. Through these changes, AMI aims to further strengthen its role as a reliable and respected forum for the communication of medical knowledge at national, regional, and international levels.

The Editorial Board extends its sincere appreciation to the authors and reviewers whose contributions sustain the journal's mission. *Acta Medica Iranica* remains committed to the continuous improvement of its editorial practices and to advancing high-quality scholarly communication in medical science as it enters this new phase of publication.

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